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Remarks:

Regarding the rejection of claims 1, 4, 6, 10 and 11 under 35 USC 102(b) in view of US 4252547 to Johnson:

The applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of the aforesaid claims in view of the Johnson reference.

In the present paper, certain limitations of prior claim 2 have been incorporated into claim 1, which is believed to render presently presented claim 1 as allowable. The Examiner had indicated that claim 2 was allowable over the Johnson reference, thus claim 1 as amended is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Additionally with respect to the Johnson reference, the applicant points out that Johnson's device appears not to provide a "manifold" but only comprises a "rectangular grid member" or "screen 51" (see Johnson, col. 3, lines 16 – 19).

Reconsideration of the propriety of the rejection in view of the Johnson reference in view of the presently amended claims, and withdrawal of the Johnson reference from further consideration is respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of claims 1-3, 6-9 and 11 under 35 USC 102(b) in view of US 5611967 to Jane or US 5547615 to Jane:

The applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of the aforesaid claims in view of the two prior art references to Jane, hereinafter Jane '967 or Jane '615.

In the present paper, certain limitations of prior claim 2 have been incorporated into claim 1, which is believed to render presently presented claim 1 as allowable. Additionally new claims 12, 13 and 14 are presented which rewrite claim 1 and include certain limitations of claim 4 which were indicated to be allowable over the Jane '967 or Jane '615, which is believed to thus render new claims 12, 13 and 14 as allowable.

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Additionally with respect to the Jane'967 and Jane '615 references, in Jane'967 there is only provided a "slotted cover 48", which does not appear to be a "manifold" as claimed by the applicant. Similarly in Jane '615 there appears to be provided only a an "exhaust opening 39", which does not appear to be a "manifold" as claimed by the applicant.

Reconsideration of the propriety of the rejection in view of the Jane'967 and Jane '615 references in view of the presently amended claims, and withdrawal of the Jane'967 and Jane '615 references from further consideration is respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection of claims 1, 4, 6, 10 and 11 under 35 USC 102(e) in view of US2005/0001337 to Pankhurst:

The applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of the aforesaid claims in view of the Pankhurst reference.

In the present paper, certain limitations of prior claim 2 have been incorporated into claim 1, which is believed to render presently presented claim 1 as allowable. The Examiner had indicated that claim 2 was allowable over the Pankhurst reference, thus claim 1 as amended is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Additionally with respect to the Pankhurst reference, the applicant points out that Pankhurst's device appears not to provide a "manifold" but only comprises an "outlet 82" at which is positioned a fragrance material, whereby "fresh air" is directed from the exterior of the device, through Pankhurst's device and only thereafter on exiting via the "outlet" and to the ambient environment is supplied with the fragrance.

Reconsideration of the propriety of the rejection in view of the Pankhurst reference in view of the presently amended claims, and withdrawal of the Pankhurst reference from further consideration is respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner in charge of this application believe that telephonic communication with the undersigned would meaningfully advance the prosecution of this application, they are invited to call the undersigned at their earliest convenience.

PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

The applicants respectfully petition for a one-month extension of time in order to permit for the timely entry of this response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263 with respect to this petition.

CONDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION FOR FEES

Should any further fee be required by the Commissioner in order to permit the timely entry of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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